

grow and be benefited by the greatness of this country but also to bring the greatness of this country.

Life is a gift of God. It can only be sustained by people who understand that same gift, and I just pray that the Supreme Court and, ultimately, Congress and the legislatures of our land will stand for life.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR THE PORT OF INDIANA-BURNS HARBOR

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for Congress to complete the consideration of the fiscal year 2022 appropriations measures prior to the current deadline of February 18. I remain grateful that a transparent process was established for all Members to include eligible projects in these measures.

Notably, for the first District of Indiana, there are projects included that will allow for dredging and improvements at the Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor. This incredible facility is essential to the functions of the north-west Indiana steel and manufacturing industries and supports thousands of steelworker jobs and longshoreman jobs along the way.

Appropriations measures are not just funding numbers and direction for Federal programs and projects. They are a testament to the government's investment that create jobs and grow our economy.

I appreciate the ongoing communications of our appropriations leaders, and I look forward to doing all I can to ensure that these important measures are signed into law as soon as possible.

FORTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Mrs. McCLAIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, this week marks 49 years since the landmark Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, 49 years since the choice won over life in the eyes of the American people.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle applaud Roe v. Wade and have no problem with the more than 62 million innocent babies who have been aborted since 1973.

I, however, find these numbers to be sickening.

These children are just as worthy of life as a fully grown adult is. They are created in the image of God just as you and I are, and their lives should not be carelessly and despicably destroyed.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle preach and parade human rights.

But where is the outrage for equal human rights for the unborn?

It is frighteningly nonexistent, and their lack of consistency makes it very clear what their priorities are.

How can you claim to care for one life when you don't care for all lives, no matter how small?

HEALTHCARE WORKERS

(Mr. FOSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the men and women who have been on the front lines of this pandemic from the very beginning: our healthcare workers. On MLK Day, I had a chance to deliver care packages to hospitals and clinics in my district in Joliet, Aurora, and Naperville as a small token of appreciation for the tireless work of our healthcare workers.

As our Nation confronts this, hopefully final, winter surge of COVID, we should all keep in mind the people who are still going to work every day to care for people who are sick. Their dedication to their jobs is truly inspiring, and they are literally saving lives every day. After almost 2 years of battling COVID, our healthcare workers are mentally and physically exhausted, but yet they still show up every day to provide care for others.

We can all learn so much from them.

I am honored to represent so many of them in my district in places like Edward Hospital in Naperville, Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox, Rush Copley Medical Center in Aurora, and Aunt Martha's Health Center in Joliet; just to name a few.

So I want every healthcare worker in America—doctors, nurses, and support staff—to know that they are not alone. I thank them for being there.

THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S 1-YEAR REVIEW

(Mr. MEUSER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, in business, a 1-year review is customary. So let's review the Biden administration's first year by the numbers. As we tend to say in business, the numbers don't lie.

Regarding the economy, there are 6 million Americans unemployed while 10 million jobs remain unfilled. The vast majority of small businesses are hiring, yet 95 percent report few applications. Inflation, Mr. Speaker, is at a 40-year high of 7 percent. Gas is up 50 percent, and it costs about \$100 to fill up the gas tank on a pickup truck.

Regarding national security, it is really no better. Two million illegals have crossed our border. Twice as much fentanyl is coming in; we have over 100,000—sadly—fatalities throughout the United States. And we have 125,000 troops preparing to invade Ukraine.

We have 2-mile long lines for COVID testing in my district.

Mr. Speaker, we are not going to hold our breath for corrective action to be taken by the Biden administration;

they have stated how they plan to double down. It will be up to the American people to solve this problem come November.

ROE V. WADE

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, as I stand at this podium, I will speak for about 60 seconds, and within those 60 seconds, an unborn baby will lose its life. In fact, in America, an unborn baby will have its life ripped away every 50 seconds through the gruesome procedure of abortion. This is about 630,000 unborn lives lost per year—a number that equals about 80 percent of my congressional district.

This is tragic. God has a plan for these children. They are our brothers, sisters, friends, and loved ones. They are future leaders, nurses, doctors, farmers, and small business owners. But, most importantly, they are human beings with a purpose from our Creator. There is nothing more hideous than taking the life of the most vulnerable in our society.

Forty-nine years ago, the decision made by the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade has resulted in the death of over 62½ million unborn babies. Despite the three-quarters of Americans who want significant restrictions on abortions, my colleagues across the aisle are still prioritizing their abortion-on-demand agenda.

This is senseless. Together, as a nation, we must make this the last year we speak on this horrible anniversary. We cannot wait another 50 seconds, another 50 months, or another 50 years. Everyone is entitled to the right to life.

VOTING RIGHTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KAHELE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ALLRED) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ALLRED. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. ALLRED. Mr. Speaker, before I give my speech on voting rights, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. CORREA).

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MANUEL T. PADILLA

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today we honor the life and memory of Manny T. Padilla, a leader in our community and my very, very good friend.